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City of Hiawatha

Loebsack/Tower Terrace Intersection Article from Mayor

In February, Councilman Dick Olson and I went to Washington D.C., to pique their interest in a needed Tower Terrace Interchange to aid in Hiawatha's traffic flow.

On March 27th, Congressman Loebsack toured the city, focusing on Tower Terrace Road. During the tour, we showed the Congressman our Library, Maintenance facilities, City Hall and Center Point Road Streetscape, which were all completed with local money—no federal dollars. The Congressman also met with your City Council and myself to listen to our concerns and ideas regarding the Tower Terrace Interchange Project.

After the tour, the Congressman shared his thoughts with the City Council for what might happen with future funding for the Tower Terrace Interchange. He expressed his interest in this project and understood our City's needs.

Congressman Loebsack has been an ally to our City throughout his time in office.

We will continue to keep the Tower Terrace Interchange in front of our legislature.

Pictured from left to right: City Engineer Dick Ransom; Council Members: Linda Bendixen, Nancy Melsa, Marty Bruns; Congressman Dave Loebsack; Mayor Tom Theis; Deputy City Clerk Cindy Kudrna; Deputy Chief Rob Archibald; Deputy Chief Andrew Sweeney.



Loebsack Rep to hold office hours in Hiawatha

Congressman Dave Loebsack will have a member of his staff in Hiawatha on Wednesday, May 20th for open office hours. Kirsten Running-Marquardt, Loebsack's district representative covering Linn county, will be at the Hiawatha City Hall at 101 Emmons Street from 12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m. Feel free to come in to share your thoughts on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which is working to stabilize the economy and bolster Iowa's middle class. The Recovery Act includes tax cuts for 95% of the American people. The Recovery Act is bringing aid into the Second District, saving and creating jobs while fostering long term economic growth.

Running-Marquardt will be on hand to work with individuals who are having difficulty with a government agency, having suggestions for the Congressman, or would just like to share their concerns. Members of the public are invited to attend. Running-Marquardt holds regular office hours throughout Linn County.

If you are unable to attend these office hours but have a concern to share with the Congressman, please call our district office toll-free at 1-866-914-IOWA (4692).

Memorial Day Services at Shiloh Cemetery

Services will be held at Shiloh Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009.

Memorial Day is a U.S. federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in military service to their country. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War, it was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action.

Please take time to honor those men and women who have given their lives to keep our country free.



Fire and Water Dept work to improve fire insurance rating for the city.



The City of Hiawatha recently had a change in its insurance rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). Hiawatha improved from a Class 5 to a Class 4 rating of its fire department and its ability to handle fires. In October of 2008, a representative from ISO visited Hiawatha. They evaluated both the Fire Department and the Water System. Both departments have made considerable investments, and they have paid off. ISO ratings are used to determine insurance rates for both residential and commercial occupancies.

ISO ratings are based on a scale of 1-10, where 1 is the best, and 10 is essentially no fire protection. There are separate ratings for areas with hydrants and without hydrants. In Hiawatha, our rating is a 4, and in the rural areas of Monroe Township that HFD protects, it is an 8. Out of 2300 rated communities in Iowa, there are no class 1 or class 2 departments, 27 class three (Usually paid departments such as Cedar Rapids) and 37 class 4, that puts Hiawatha in the top 3%!

In the case of the water department, improvements in the water distribution system resulted in a strong gain in points. For the fire department, the addition of a ladder truck and an additional fire engine with added pumping capability also provided strong gains. Another key area for the fire department was improvements in our fire training. We are utilizing a state sponsored regional fire training facility in Coralville. ISO gave us credit for that facility. While the addition of the ambulances did not change anything, the addition of the paid staff that accompanied that also added points.

In a growing community like Hiawatha, continual improvements are important to maintain our rating. If your fire department had the same amount of people and equipment today as it did at the last evaluation in 1986, your insurance rates would have gone up. We appreciate the support that you continue to show to the fire department.

Recreational Fire Rules

It's that time of year again, when people like to have small "camp fires" and enjoy the outdoors. Referred to as recreational fires, they are generally the only fires that are allowed in the metro area. Prairie burns and Fire Department training fires are allowed, but only under special circumstances. The burning of trash, leaves, etc. is strictly forbidden. The Fire Department wants to remind everyone of the following rules:

Burn only clean and dry wood! Do not burn any of the following materials; Leaves, grass, plant remnants, brush, tires, oil, garbage, rubber, plastic, or aerosol cans. Remember that treated or contaminated woods may contain arsenic and/or cyanide. When burned they produce toxic gases. These gases can harm you, your children, and your pets.

Fire must be at least 25 feet from any structure, fire can be within 15 feet of structure if unit has complete protection (screen and lid).

Total fuel area must be 3 feet or less in diameter and cannot exceed 2 feet height.

Fire must be attended until extinguished by the attendant and the attendant must have a means of extinguishment near the fire.

Winds exceed 15 mph

Do not burn when:

A city, county, or state-wide burn ban is in place

You are not able to comply with the regulations

You have been directed by the Fire Department or another agency to stop burning

The smoke from your fire is creating a nuisance to others.



Remember, if the Fire Department determines that hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions exist. Or if a fire is a nuisance, we can require extinguishment even if the fire meets all of the conditions listed. You can also receive a citation resulting in a fine for violating the clean air ordinances established by the county.

Every year we receive a handful of 9-1-1 calls about fires that turn out to be recreational fires. Many of them are "mistaken identity fires". Someone sees a glow and truly believes there is a fire. However, some are simply neighbor disputes. Remember, when you activate the fire department for a call that isn't an emergency, you take volunteer firefighters away from their families and personal time, and put everyone at risk. In fact you may be taking them away from a real emergency. If you intentionally and deceptively call 9-1-1 to report a fire you know is a recreational fire, you are breaking the law.

It's nice to enjoy a good, clean recreational fire on these cool spring evenings. Please stay within these guidelines and work with your neighbors to make sure everyone can enjoy the weather.

If you have questions about recreational fires, brochures are available at City Hall and the Fire Department or you can contact the fire department during business hours at (319) 393-4180.

Park & Recreation Department Updates

Red Cross Babysitting Class

Hiawatha had 40 participants in the Red Cross babysitting class. The class was held over spring break in our multi-purpose room. While this was not a revenue generating event, it showed a good faith effort to make Hiawatha and surrounding communities more knowledgeable about having trained babysitters.

Easter Egg Hunt Hops to a New Level

The Hiawatha Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th hopped to a new level this year! Our normal attendance of around 300 made its way to an estimated 500 children. The Commission and Park and Recreation Director were excited to see such a wonderful turnout with good weather.

The event will be moved to Guthridge Park next year, more Easter eggs will be ordered and a cap on the age of participants may be needed with the increasing number of people in attendance.

The Hiawatha Easter Egg hunt is sponsored by Culver's Frozen Custard of Hiawatha and the Hiawatha Lions Club.

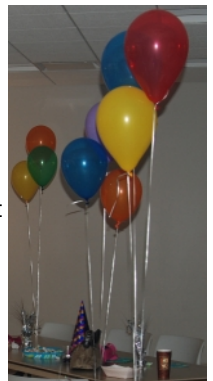
We thank all of the participants for their patience during this exciting event and look forward to seeing all of you again next year at Guthridge Park.



Special Needs Dance



On Friday April 24, 2009 Hiawatha held its first dance for the Special Needs Population. This went over very well. There were 30 participants in attendance. They brought their group home staff along with their respite workers to dance the night away. They grooved to music provided by "Strike a Note Karaoke and DJ Service." Participants were able to enjoy cotton candy, popcorn and other refreshments provided by "Barbers ETC. and All Good Things Therapeutic Massage & Skin Care." Hiawatha along with Barbers ETC. and All Good Things Therapeutic Massage & Skin Care will be hosting a movie night on May 8 at 6:00 p.m. for the Special Needs Population.



American Legion Post 735 Blue/Gold Star Banners

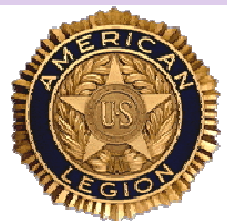


The Blue Star Service Banner was designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front line. It quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in the service.

The Blue Star Service Banner typically displayed in windows is an 8.5 by 14 -inch white field with a blue star(s) sewn onto a red banner. The size may vary but should be in proportion to the size of the U.S. Flag. Today Blue Star Service Banners are displayed by families who have a loved one serving in the armed forces including the National Guard and Reserves of all military departments. The banner displayed in the front window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the military, and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands much.

The blue star represents one family member serving in the armed forces. A banner can have up to five stars, signifying that five members of that family are currently in military uniform on active duty.

If the individual symbolized is killed or dies while service, the star representing that individual will have superimposed on it a gold star of smaller size so that the blue forms a border. On flags displaying multiple stars, including gold stars, when the flags are suspended as against a wall, the gold star(s) will be to the right of, or above the blue star(s), a place of honor nearest the staff. Blue Star Mothers and Gold Star Mothers organizations were established during World War I and remain active today.



Blue Star Service Banners, while widely used across America during World Wars I and II, were not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam wars with nearly the same enthusiasm. The American Legion is rekindling the spirit of pride in our military men and women following the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The American Legion is providing banners to families in communities across the nation. Static cling versions for home and automobile, as well as lapel pins, are available from The American Legion National Emblem Sales at www.emblem.legion.org.

The American legion also has a special Blue Star Banner Corporate Flag for government and corporate America to show their support for employees called to active duty.

Hiawatha Lions Club International

The Hiawatha Lions Club International would like to thank the citizens and businesses of Hiawatha who contribute each year to Hog Wild Days and help defer much of the cost of the annual fireworks presentation ending the weekend event. This years Hog Wild Days will be the 26th annual event for the Hiawatha community and will be held on June 18th–21st. Some of what your support of the Hiawatha Lions Club helps sponsor each year include:

- Eye Glasses for less privileged citizens
- Free Eye Screening for pre-kindergarten children
- Sponsor a Hiawatha Kids League team
- Sponsor leader dog training for a Leader Dog for the Blind school
- Sponsor a disc golf hole at the new Fay M. Clark Memorial Park
- Co-Sponsor Santa Claus and the Easter Egg Hunt in Hiawatha.
- Sponsor one boy to Boys State in Des Moines
- Donations to each Hiawatha elementary school for special projects



If you want to help out or are interested in joining the Hiawatha Lions Club, meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Hiawatha Multi-Purpose Room in City Hall, or you could call Larry @ 319-393-3668 for more information.

Council Action Summary

March 9, 2009

Resolution 09-044—Requesting submission of the Question of Imposition of a 1% Local Option Sales and Services Tax to the registered voters of Linn County at an election to be held no later than May 5, 2009.

March 18, 2009

Ordinance #630—Amending Code of Ordinance Unified Development Code §165.15:2 Land Use Matrix Figure I; §165.16:8(A) C-2 Neighborhood Convenience District; §165.16:9(A) C-3 Highway Commercial District; §165.16:10(A) C-4 Central Service allowing on premise wine/native wine sales.

Ordinance #631—Approving the rezoning of property located at 1900 North Center Point Road from an A to C-4.

Resolution 09-045—Ratifying, confirming and approving publication of notice of public hearing for the issuance of \$1,200,000 GO Notes, Series 2009.

Resolution 09-046—instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of loan agreement and issuance of not to exceed \$1,200,000 GO Notes, Series 2009.

Resolution 09-047—Directing sale of \$2,250,000 GO Notes, series 2009A with UMB Bank, N.A. of Kansas City, Missouri with a true interest rate of 3.594%.

Resolution 09-048—Directing sale of \$690,000 GO refunding loan notes, series 2009B with UMB Bank, N.A. of Kansas City, Missouri with a true interest rate of 2.3630%.

Resolution 09-049 & 50—Authorizing the extension and execution of Landscape Maintenance Contract Agreement with Creekside Gardens at the rate of \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed 9 hours of maintenance on a bi-weekly basis for April and beginning May 1, 2009 not to exceed 6 hours per visit on a bi-weekly basis for specified flower beds.

Resolution 09-051—Approving the Multi-Purpose Rental Form and Rental Fee with the addition of uniformed officer on premise when renter is having alcohol.

April 1, 2009

Ordinance #632—Amending City of Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 69, Section 69.08 No Parking Zones.

Ordinance #633—Amending City of Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 163 Housing Code Section 163.02 Registration and Fees.

Resolution 09-052—Amending Resolution 03-072 setting new fees, chapter 163 Housing Code Schedule Fees.

Resolution 09-053—Authorizing certification to the County Treasurer's Office for collection of a delinquent account of services performed by the City of Hiawatha for snow and ice removal in the amount of \$130.00 and to levy the assessment against the property located at 208 Blairs Ferry Road.

Resolution 09-054—Authorizing the redemption of outstanding GO Notes, Series 2003.

Resolution 09-055—Appointing Bankers Trust Company, N.A. of Des Moines, Iowa to serve as paying agent, note registrar, and transfer agent, approving the paying agent and note registrar and transfer agent agreement and authorizing the execution of the agreement.

Resolution 09-056—Amending Resolution approving and authorizing a form of Loan Agreement and Authorizing a form of Loan Agreement and Authorizing and Providing for the issuance of \$2,250,000 GO Notes, Series 2009A and Levying a tax to pay the notes, passed and approved on March 4, 2009, by substituting a new resolution therefore, for a revised note issue on the total aggregate amount of \$2,250,000.

Resolution 09-057—Appointing Bankers Trust Company, N.A. of Des Moines, Iowa, to serve as paying agent, note registrar, approving the paying agent and note registrar and transfer agent agreement.

Resolution 09-058—Amending Resolution approving and authorizing a form of loan agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$690,000 GO Notes, Series 2009B and levying a tax to pay the notes, approved on March 4, 2009.

Resolution 09-059—Authorizing a Boyson Road and I-380 Interchange Traffic Study in the amount of \$4,900.00 with Olsson Associates of Omaha.

Resolution 09-060—Authorizing purchase of new/unused 2009-2010 Multi-Purpose Dump Body with snow plow, sander, and pre-wet system 10'/11' Muni Body 11/10' Reversible snow plow/force CC5100-1MJ/PWS-E at a cost of \$48,422.000.

Resolution 09-061—Authorizing purchase of new/unused 2009/2010 single axle 37,000 GVWR Truck Chassis Freightliner Model M2106V at a cost of \$60,410.00 from Truck Country of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Council 7pm	7	8 Special Needs Movie Night 6 pm	9
10 Public Safety 6pm	11 History 1:30pm Board of Adj 6pm	12 Parks 6pm Library 7pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 Council 7pm	19 Public works open house 4-6 p.m. Water 6:30 pm	20 CPR training @ Fire Station 7-9	21 Blood Drive @ Fire Station 2:00 -7:00 p.m.	22 Bike Rodeo— Concert in Park 7pm Well Lit	23
24	25	26 P&Z 6pm	27	28	29	30
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June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Council 7pm	4	5	6 Disc Golf Tournament
7	8	9 Parks 6pm Library 7pm	10	11	12	13
14 Public Safety 6pm	15 History 1:30pm Board of Adj 6pm	16 Council 7pm Water 6:30 pm	17	18	19	20
21 HOG WILD	22	23	24 Volleyball League Begins	25	26 Concert in Park— Greenbrier 7pm	27
28	29	30 P&Z 6pm				

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Backflow Prevention Devices—Hiawatha Water Department

REMINDER TO HIAWATHA RESIDENTS: If you have an RPZ valve (Backflow Prevention Device) on your water line, please remember that this needs to be tested yearly (preferably in the spring) by a registered technician per City Ordinance. Inspection forms may be picked up at the Water Department Office or your registered technician should have similar forms. You can call the Water Department if you have any questions or concerns at (319) 393-5556.

National Public Works Week

Come celebrate National Public Works Week with us. Tour the Public Works Facility. Visit with Council members.

What: Open House
When: Tuesday, May 19th, 2009 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Where: 1410 Robins Road, Hiawatha

Hiawatha Public Works—Providing safe streets and infrastructure for the citizens of Hiawatha.



National Emergency Medical Services Week

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week – May 17th-23th, 2009

National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line."



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May 20, 2009 Wednesday Free CPR training at the Fire Station
7:00pm – 9:00pm

May 21, 2009 Thursday Blood Drive at the Fire Station 2:00pm – 7:00pm
Reserve a 15 minute time slot by calling HFD @ 393-4180 or by email at donate@hiawathafire.com

